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More about Adjectives

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One book is never enough to explore the wide range of amazing adjectives! The crazy cats deliver loads of additional examples to illustrate the potent power of adjectives to describe the wonderful world around us—and our incredible imaginations.

Brian P. Cleary's playful verse and Brian Gable's comical cats turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each adjective is printed in color for easy identification. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.

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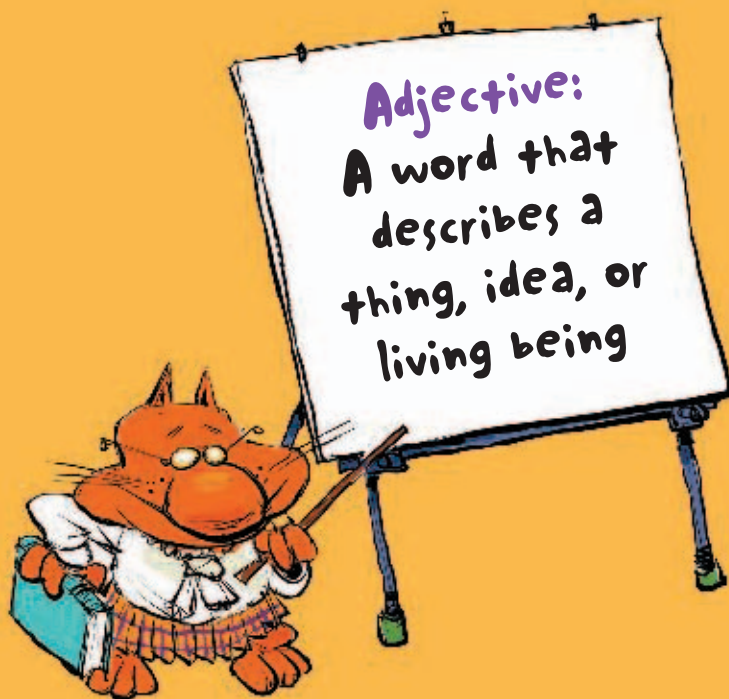


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To Fiona

—B.P.C.



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Adjectives

are words like **yellow**,

sleepy,

slumping,

somewhat **mellow**.





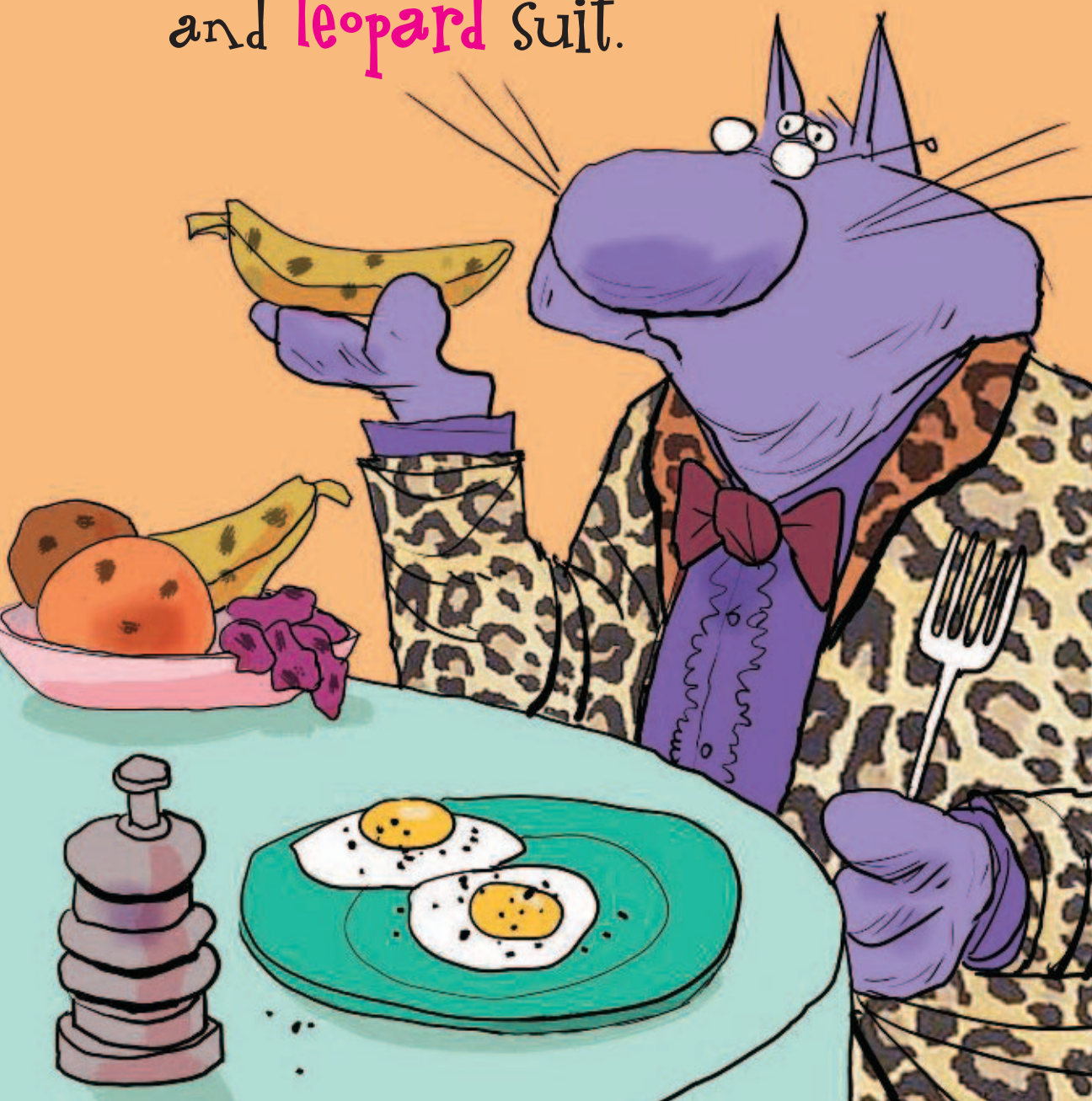
They give us lots of
great description,
like tall, left-handed,
young Egyptian.

They paint a picture using words,

like **friendly** dog
or **baby** birds,

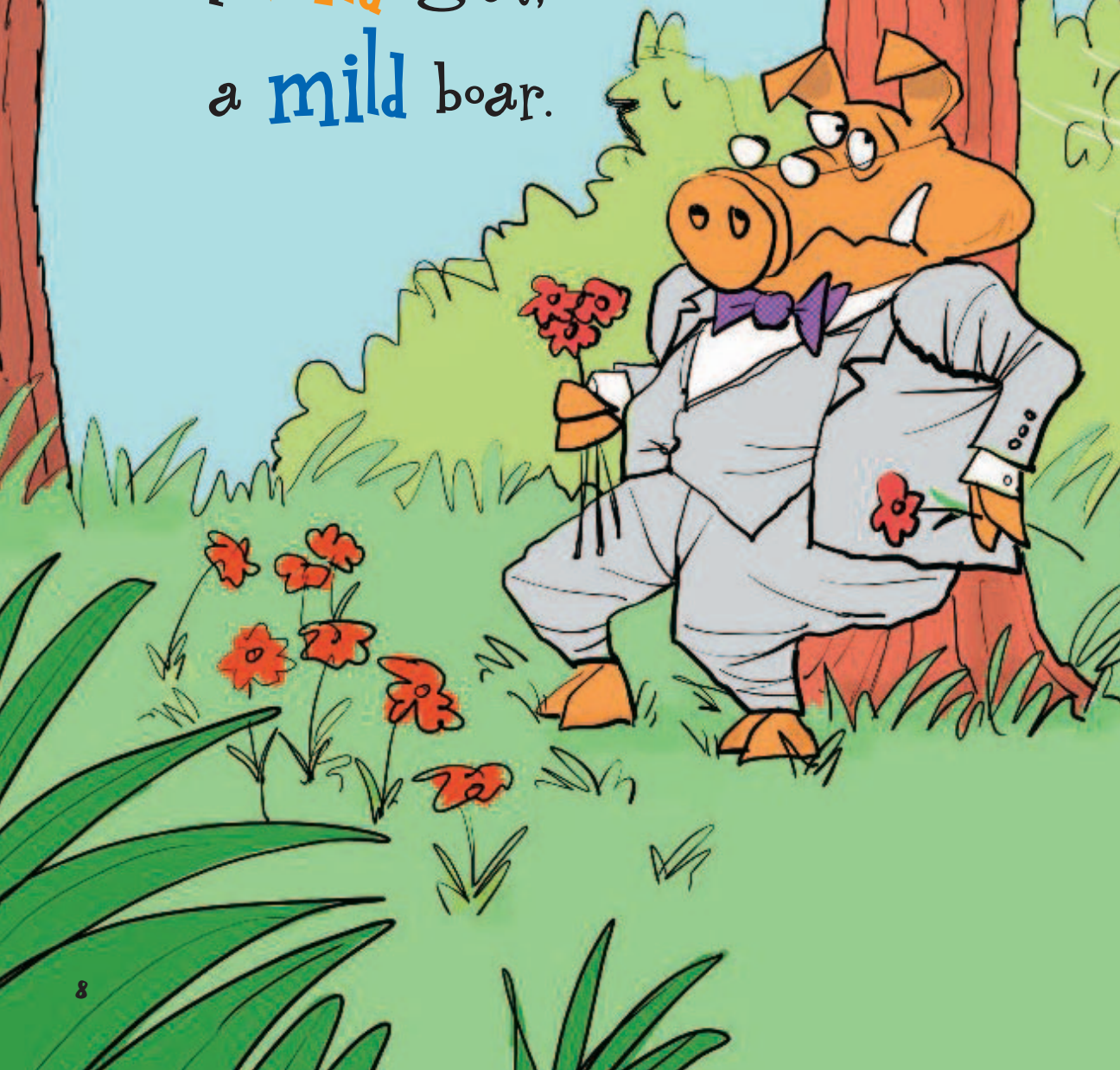


spotted, nearly rotten fruit,
peppered eggs,
and leopard suit.



See how these words
tell us more?

A **wild** goat,
a **mild** boar.





Particulars are what you give
each time you use an
adjective.



London's often cool
and clammy.

Humid best describes Miami.



*cold's a handy adjective
if Greenland is the place you live.*



Like **wrinkled** hands and
crinkled pliers,

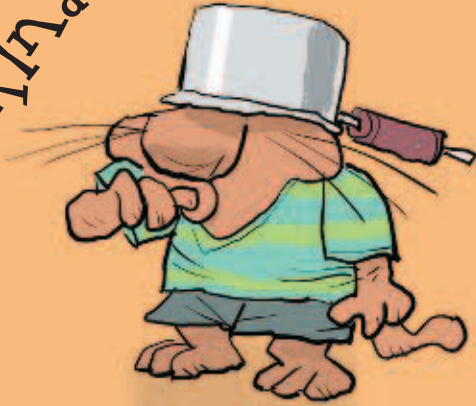


adjectives are modifiers,



telling more about the noun,
like **crazy** cat or **lazy** clown.

Kind of **quirky**,



extra **perky**,

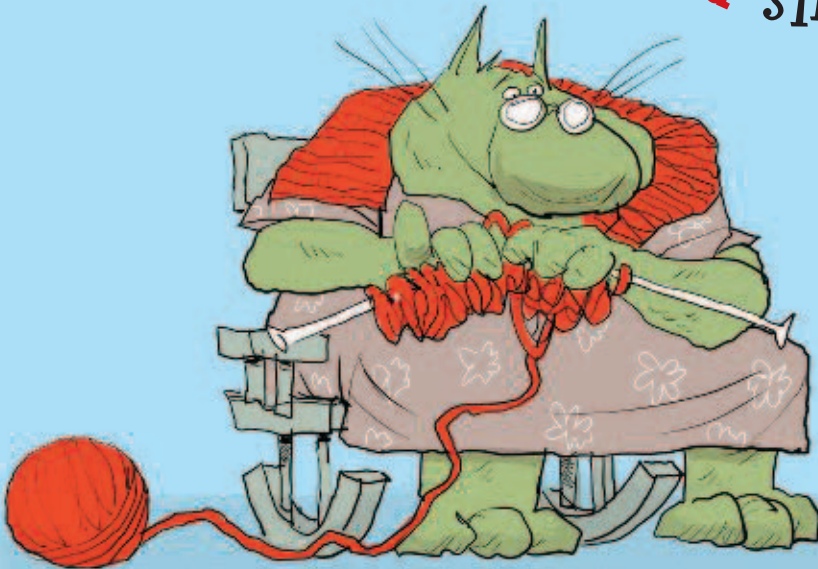
quite **polite**,



or slightly **jerky**.



Woolen socks, a knitted shawl—



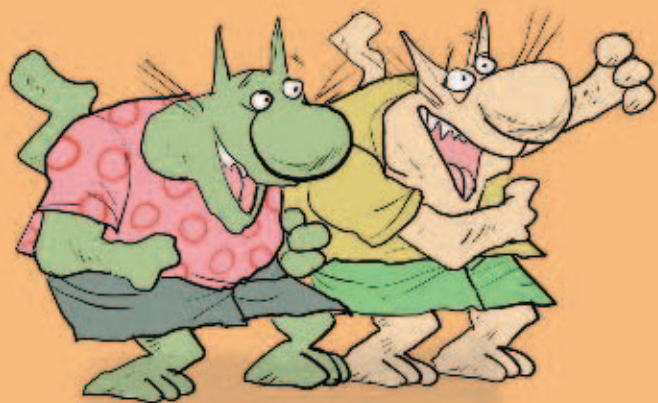
adjectives describe them all!

Like *sly*,

sarcastic,

fantastic,



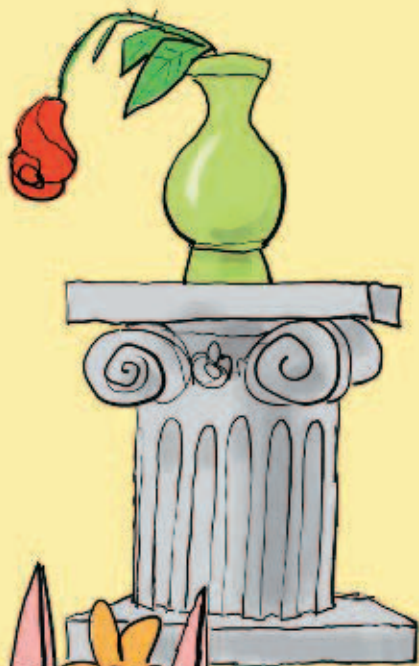


enthusiastic, and *elastic*,
adjectives
make phrases sing



and keep our language *interesting*!

A wilted rose, a
chartreuse vase,
a cheery, kind,
and florid face.



Music that's **soothing**,
soup that is **steaming**,

served in a bowl that's
so **bright** that it's **gleaming**.





Adjectives tell us

when someone is **serious**,
fearless or **frightened**
or even **delirious**.

Like, "Hear the **mysterious** bat
as it screeches."
See how **exciting**

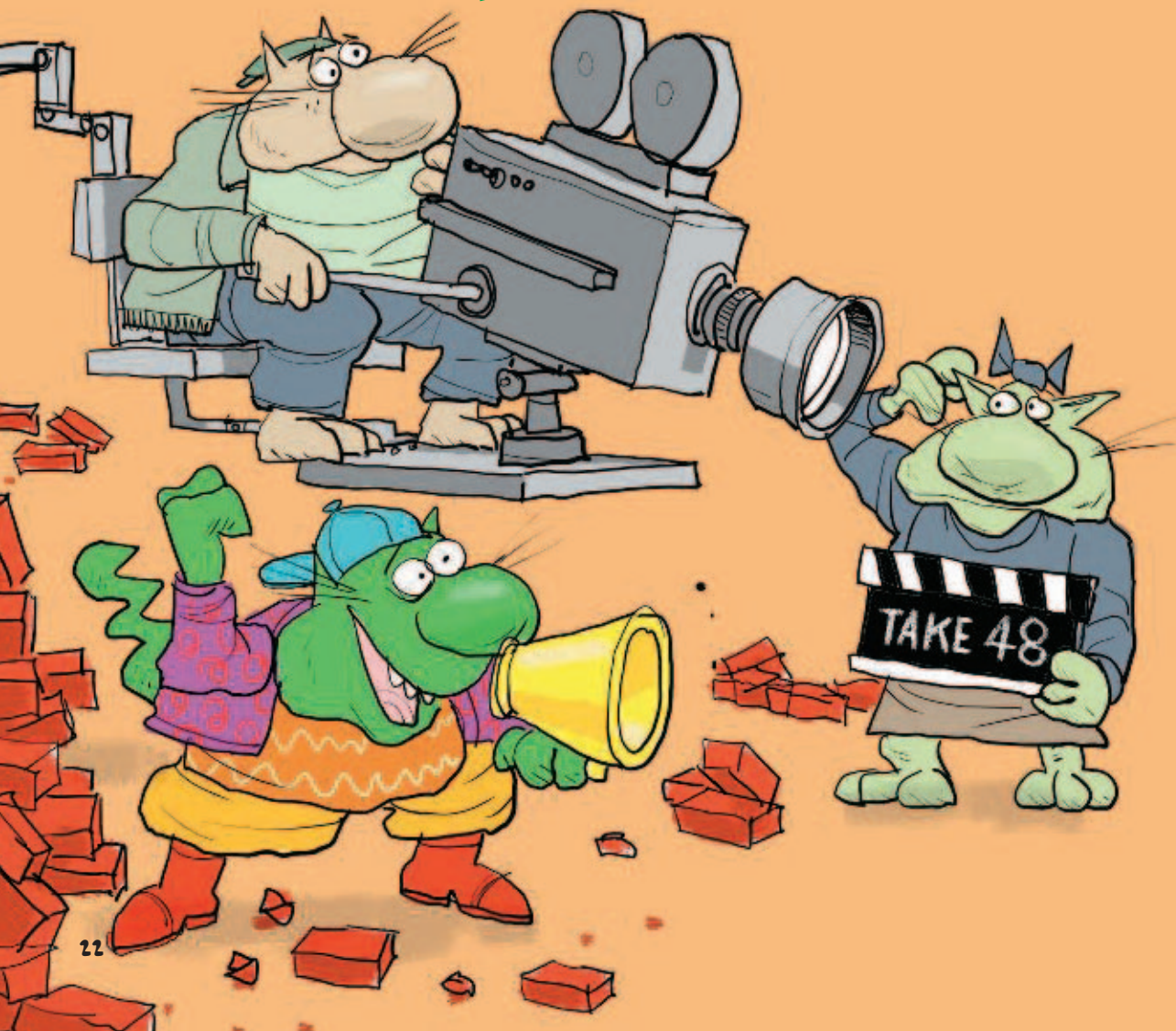


this **fun**

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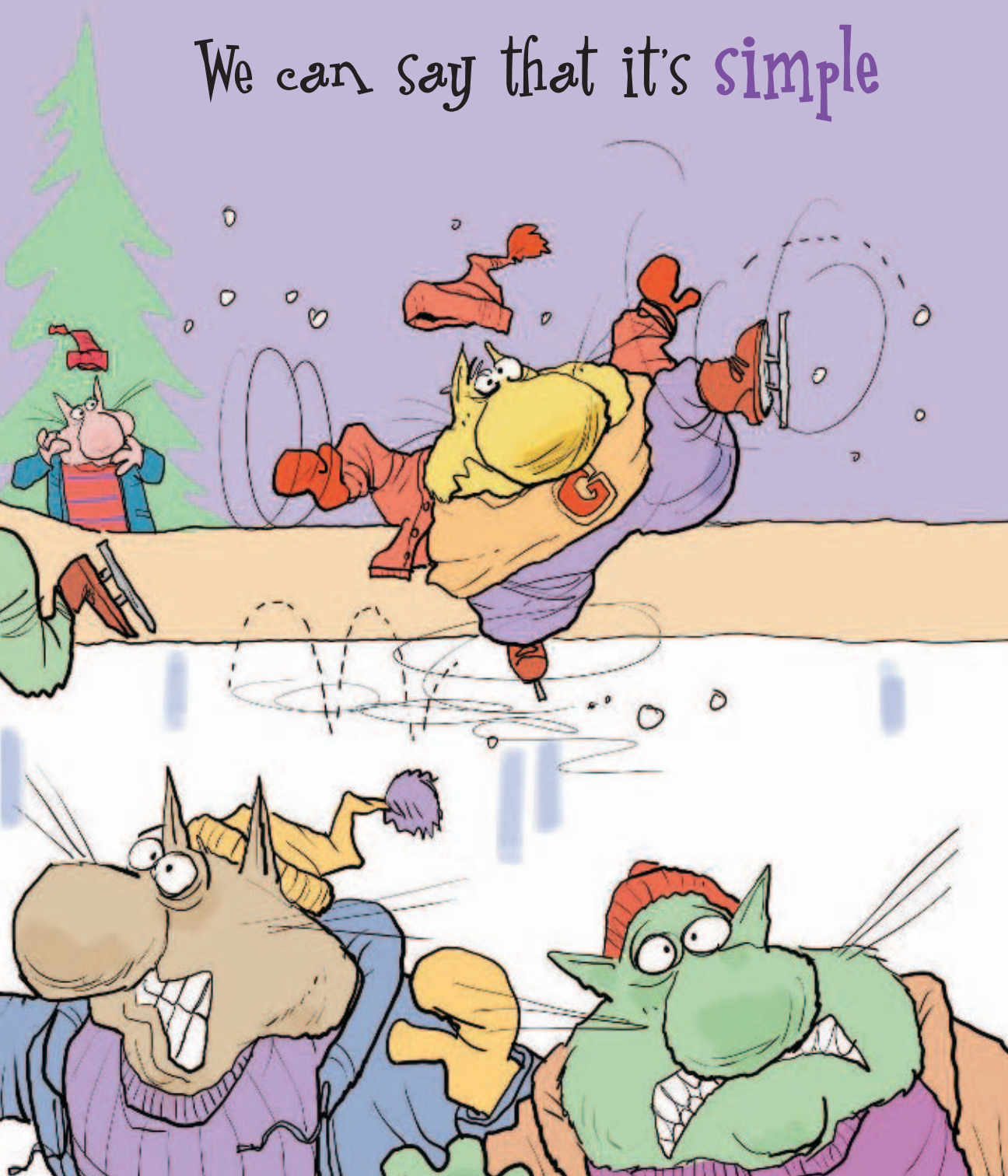
They modify nouns
in ways that explain
if a movie is brilliant,
bizarre, or inane.



Because we have
adjectives,
we get to pick
words like *crumbled* and *red*
when describing
a brick.



We can say that it's simple



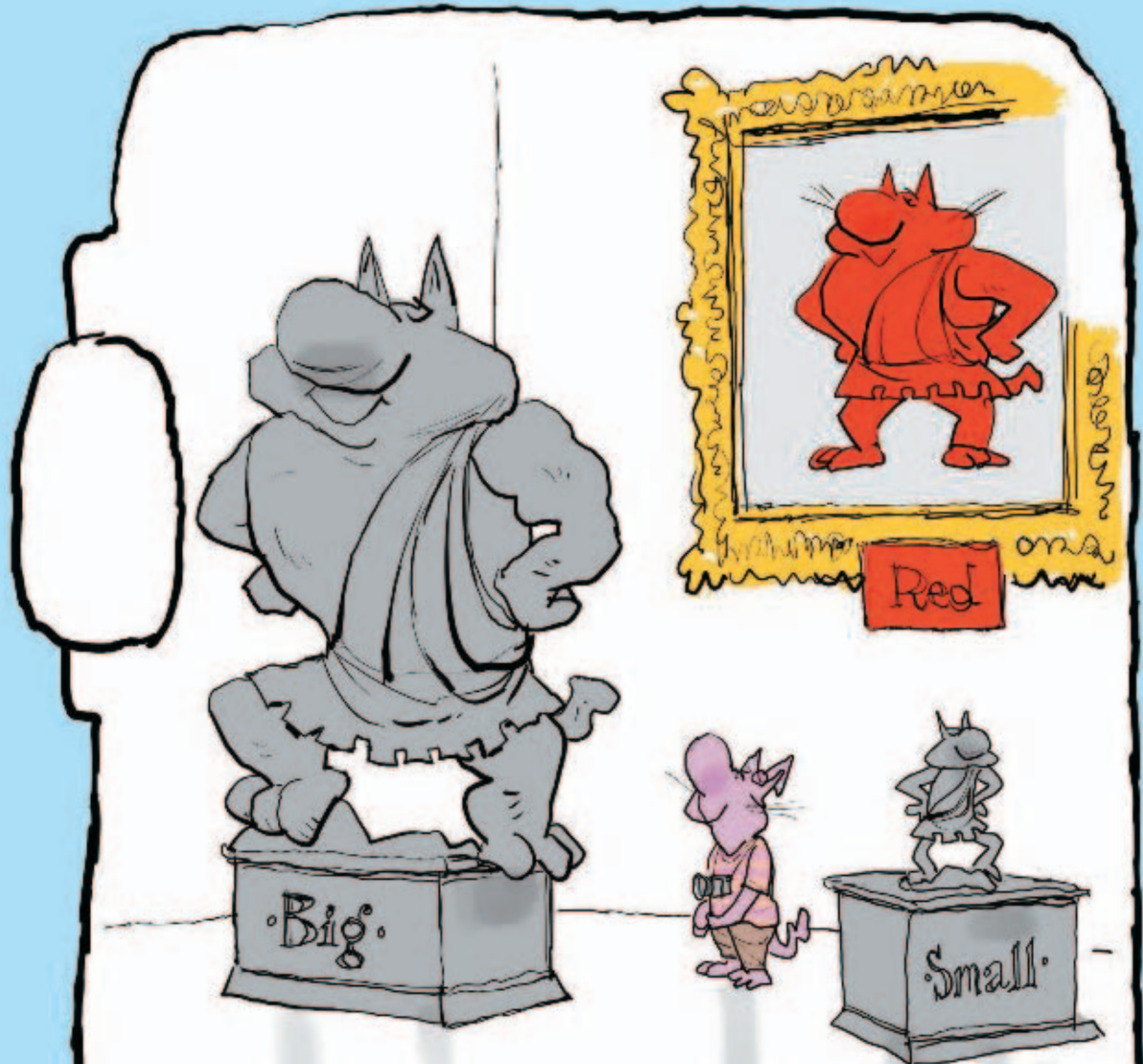
or Scary
or Splendid,



describing the skating
that Mary or Glen did.

They help us picture
lots of things
when we can't
really see 'em.





Yes, adjectives
help make our mind
a kind of **art** museum!



They've told us of a doughnut
that was **round**
and **plump**

and **sprinkled.**

The **winking** stars above us
as they've sparkled
and they've twinkled.

The **sour** **apple** candies
from the **cozy** **corner** store.

Adjectives help tell us
about all these things
and more!



So, what is an adjective?
Do you know?





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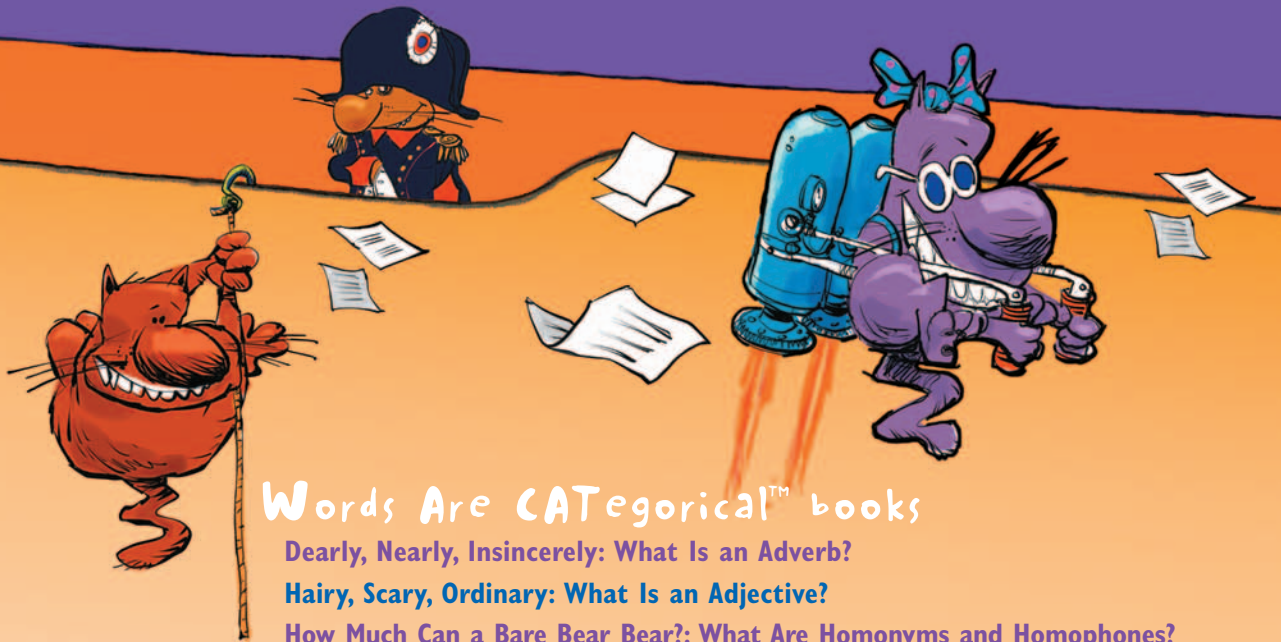
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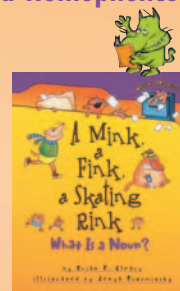
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